US$ 410416 was rejected. On investigation, it was found that the concerned Export Inspection Agency followed the Ag-mark sampling scheme as it was not aware of US FDA sampling. Immediately purpose *vis-a-vis* mixed extraction vised to adopt US FDA sampling scheme for pre-shipment inspection of black pepper for export to USA,

The Spices Board is taking various steps to step up the quality of spices and improve packaging and marketing.

Export of high valued white natural grade Sesamum

860. SHRI VIREN J- SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's planning to promote exports of high valued whit$_e$ na tural grade sesamum used for food and confectionery and hulled grade for bake-ly purpose *vis-a-vis* mixed extraction grade;

(b^ whether it is fact that a few overseas buyers have imposed restrictions on import of sesamum from India on quality consideration; and

(c) if.; o. what steps are being taken ^{t0} evolve a mechanism for ensuring quality in exports?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) Export Of sesamum seed, without distinction of different grades, is allowed under OGL subject to registration with Indian Oil and Produce Exporters Association (IOPEA).

(b) Government have not received re ports of overseas buyer countries having imposed restrictions on import of sesa mum from India on quality considera tions. IOPEA have also reported that they have not received any complaint of such restrictions by overseas buyers.

<c) Does not arise.

Disowning the FIR filed in Bofors Investigation Case

861. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether instructions were issued to the Additional Solicitor General to disown the FIR filed by the CBI in the Bofors Investigation Case before the Delhi High Court;

(b) if so the reasons therefor; and

(c) if the reply to (a) above be in negative, the reasons for opposing the CBI's FIR?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LA\y AND JUSTICE (SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWA-MY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(o) The Government did not oppose CBI's FIR.

Loss incurred by co-operative credit societies due to implementation of loim waiver scheme

862. SHRI M. M. JACOB; Will he Minister of FINANCE be pleased lo state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the loan Waiver Scheme has hit the co-operative credit societies to the tune $_0$f several thousand crores of rupees;

(b) if so, what is the amount comren-sated to the co-operative societies by Gov-ernment; and

(c) whether the scheme is still in vogue?

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